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In re the Application of:

Robert F. Rioux, et al

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For: ABLATION PROBE FOR
DELIVERING FLUID THROUGH
POROUS STRUCTURE

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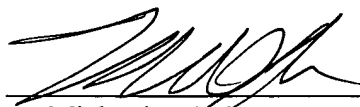
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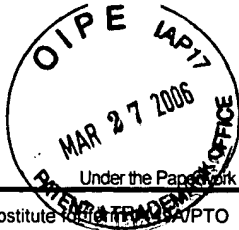
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